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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Harry HOLTHÖFER  
Serial No.: 10/018,094 : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
U.S. National Phase of International :  
Application Number PCT/F100/00540  
Filed: December 14, 2001 : Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: USE OF SOLUBLE PROTEIN MOLECULES EXPRESSED BY THE  
PANCREAS AND KIDNEY GLOMERULUS

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following Second Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please enter the amendments to the specification indicated in Appendix 2 herein. A clean version of the amended portions of the specification are shown in Appendix 1. A marked-up version of the amended portions of the specification showing the changes made is included herewith as Appendix 2. Applicant asserts such changes to the specification do not add new matter.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 4, 6 and 11-16, and enter new claims 24-27 as indicated in Appendix 4. A clean version of all